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FM AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1745

INFO AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE

AMEMBASSY SAIGON

AMEMBASSY MANILA

AMEMBASSY SINGAPORE

AMEMBASSY JAKARTA

AMEMBASSY PHNOM PENH 3122

AMEMBASSY KUALA LUMPUR

AMEMBASSY RANGOON

AMCONSUL HONG KONG

C O N F I D E N T I A L BANGKOK 4711

EO 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, TH, LA

SUBJECT: CHARTCHAI VISIT TO VIENTIANE

REF: VIENTIANE 2175

1. ASA SARASIN, WHO ACCOMPANIED DPTY FONMIN CHARTCHAI ON MARCH 20-22 VISIT TO VIENTIANE, TOLD US VISIT WAS HECTIC, BUT A GOOD ONE. ASA SAID PRINCE SOUVANNA PHOUMA IS OPTIMISTIC THAT NEW GOVERNMENT WILL BE FORMED BY THE 26 TH, AND THAT HE ( SOUVANNA) THOUGHT THAT PRINCE SOUPHANOUVONG WOULD COME TO VIENTIANE TO TALK WITH HIM NEXT WEEK. BOTH ASA AND GENERAL KRIANGSAK TOLD US THEY HAD FOUND SOUVANNA GEN- ERALLY OPTIMISTIC ABOUT THE FUTURE, BUT THAT OTHER LAO ( INCLUDING

SISOUK NA CHAMPASSAK) WERE CONSIDERABLY LESS OPTIMISTIC ABOUT PRO- SPECTS. SISOUK TOLD THE THAI THAT THERE ARE 78,000 NVA TROOPS IN LAOS AT THE PRESENT TIME, AND THAT THE NORTH VIETNAMESE HAD TOLD HIM THAT THEY WOULD KEEP 15,000 TROOPS IN MR' S 2, 3, 4 EVEN AFTER THE  
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TIME ESTABLISHED IN THE ACCORDS.

2. CONTACT WAS NOT MADE WITH NORTH VIETNAMESE DURING VIENTIANE TRIP. GEN. KRIANGSAK EXPLAINED THAT THEY DID NOT SEEK A MEETING WITH THE NORTH VIETNAMESE BECAUSE THEY WERE NOT SURE WHAT THE RESPONSE WOULD BE, AND DID NOT WANT TO REQUEST A MEETING IF THE NORTH VIETNAMESE NOT YET READY TO TALK.

3. IN NEWS CONFERENCE ON RETURN FROM VIENTIANE, CHARTCHAI REFERRED AS FOLLOWS TO HIS CONVERSATION WITH PRC CHARGE AT THAI EMBASSY RECEPTION: "... I ASKED HIM WHEN HE WOULD COME TO VISIT THAILAND, AND TO PLEASE INFORM ME BEFOREHAND". REFERRING TO THE PRC MEDICAL GROUP WHICH CHANGED PLANES IN BANGKOK MARCH 20 ( BANGKOK 4614), CHARTCHAI TOLD THE PRC CHARGE THAT " SHOULD ANY GROUPS PASS THROUGH THAILAND AND WISH TO GO ANYWHERE TO PLEASE INFORM US AND WE WOULD BE HAPPY TO PROVIDE FULL FACILITIES". CHARTCHAI ALSO TOLD NEWSMEN THAT HE HAD INFORMED CHARGE THAT THAILAND IS READY TO WELCOME THE PRC WHEN IT WANTS TO SET UP AN ECAFE OFFICE IN BANGKOK.  
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